

Congressman Pence has been vocal on the topic of cap and trade legislation recently, calling it an economic declaration of war on the Midwest. [In his post on RedState](#), Congressman Pence notes that

*Indiana, in particular, would be one of the hardest hit states in the nation because it gets 94 percent of its energy from fossil fuels.*

*Let me be clear: cap and tax is a job killer.*

*With small businesses and factories being forced to cut jobs or close their doors, more Americans will be out of work and unable to support their families. Those few businesses and factories that manage to stay open will only do so by passing their increased energy costs on to consumers.*

[President Obama himself admitted](#) *that the plan will cause energy prices to rise at the expense of the consumer. In an editorial board meeting with the San Francisco Chronicle during the presidential campaign he stated, "Under my plan of a cap and trade system electricity rates would necessarily skyrocket ... that will cost money. They will pass that money on to consumers..."*

The Muncie Star Press [reports on this today as well](#) :

*"I think, rightly understood, the cap and trade legislation represents an economic declaration of war on the Midwest by liberals in Washington, D.C.," Pence said in a telephone interview.*

*The East and West coasts will be the least impacted, Pence said, noting that the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 was drafted by Democratic Reps. Henry Waxman of California and Edward Markey of Massachusetts.*

*"I really believe Democratic climate change legislation will cap growth and trade jobs," Pence said.*

*Cap-and-trade normally means capping emissions of greenhouse gases and allowing companies to trade permits to emit greenhouse gases.*

*The legislation would essentially cap carbon dioxide emissions from coal-burning power plants, "the kind of plants Indiana and most of the Midwest are most dependent on for our electricity needs," Pence said.*

*"If ever there was a time that Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Illinois were unable to take the impact of what amounts to a national energy tax, it's a time like this," Pence said. "The last thing we need is higher energy costs."*